

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 20, 2021

Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group Chair, Mr. Rob Hixson, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

Members present:	Members absent:
Rob Hixson - Chair	Alejandra Mier y Teran
Chris Holder	Tony Blas
James Street	Clarissa Falcon
Tom Ricotta	Diane Kirma
Ted Shaw - Vice-Chair	Rodolfo Jr. Lopez
Felipe Nuno	
Jimmy Ayala	
Mark Freed	
Ronnie Taylor	
Rita Mahoney	
Scott Merry	

Approval of minutes:

November 2020

- **Vote:** A motion was made by J. Ayala and seconded by R. Taylor. Motion passed (11-0-0) **Yes:** R. Hixson, J. Street, S. Merry, M. Freed, F. Nuno, T. Ricotta, C. Holder, T. Shaw, & R. Mahoney **Abstained:** None. **Vote No:** None.

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

Becky Rapp -

Good afternoon. My name is Becky Rapp. I'm a mother to three teens and a youth group mentor. I was very concerned regarding the UT article on December 31, when I read recently regarding plans for \$1 million bureau marijuana department to enable marijuana business plans to include the possibility of increasing the limit of marijuana dispensaries and allowing marijuana businesses near churches. Something churches from all over the county have been tirelessly fighting. San Diego does not need more marijuana businesses, and churches need our support; please suggest to the City that they uphold their current regulations and not increased the number of marijuana businesses keeping present policy and rules intact; as anxiety and mental health issues arise, teens are resorting to unhealthy outlets such as marijuana use. We are in the midst of a vaping epidemic; emergency department visits and admissions for any related marijuana misuse has increased by 89%. Hospitals are seeing on average 29 discharges a day due to marijuana. It remains the primary drug of choice for youth ages 12 to 17. Thank you very much for your input.

Chairman's Report:

Items Received November 2020:

1. Notice of Future Decision; Project No.6765612 – EPOCA, Lumina

Government Liaison Report

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: Gerardo Ramirez

1. CTC-La Media Road

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- Last year the City applied for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program in the amount of \$22.7M for the La Media Road project.
 - This past December La Media Road was awarded \$22.7M from the CTC, which brings the total funding accumulated to \$42.7M.
2. **Otay Mesa Zoning Violations**
 - I contacted DSD to inform them of the zoning violations in Otay Mesa.
 - I was informed that multiple cases have been opened on Lonestar, Heritage Road, and Airway Road. Code Enforcement will move forward with investigating. Once I receive any further updates, I will let you know.
 3. **Committee's**
 - Councilmember Moreno will serve as the Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Economic Development and Land Use and Housing Committee.
- B. MAYOR'S OFFICE:** *Stephanie Estrada*
1. **Mayor's Executive Order**
 - As local hospitals and intensive care units threaten to overflow while the coronavirus surges through the region, Mayor Todd Gloria signed an executive order on December 30 allowing for fines up to \$1,000 for those who blatantly defy provisions of State orders or the San Diego County public health order. The priority has been to educate businesses and individuals about the public health order. Still, this executive order allows the San Diego Police Department and the City Attorney's office to enforce those who have repeatedly defied regulations.
 - To aid neighborhoods with limited parking for residents, the City of San Diego will no longer enforce parking meter violations, time-limited parking, yellow commercial zones, and short-term green zones. Red, white and blue parking areas will continue to be enforced to maintain public safety.
 2. **Extension of Franchise Agreement**
 - Mayor Gloria agreed with SDG&E on an extension of the current gas and electric franchise to June 1, 2021, instead of January 17, 2021. This will allow the City to explore all options for how we supply energy to residents and businesses moving forward that will also protect ratepayers, provide equitable access, and allow us to reach our climate goals.

Background

 - ✓ Under a process created by the previous mayoral administration, SDG&E was the lone bidder for a new franchise. However, Mayor Gloria, in consultation with City Attorney Mara Elliott, determined that the bid was unresponsive to the minimum requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid (ITB). Consequently, the Mayor canceled the ITB process and initiated talks with SDG&E on extending the current franchises.
- C. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE:** *Andrew Harvey:*
- I am Andrew Harvey, the community rep under supervisor Noah Vargas. It's our third week in the office, so it's so nice joining the group.
- D. ASSEMBLY MEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ OFFICE:** No report was provided.
- E. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE:** *Claudia Lopez:*
1. **California State Legislative session for 2021-2011 started Monday, June 11, 2021. In this legislative session, Senator Ben Hueso sits on the following committee:**
 - Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications, Chair
 - Banking and Financial Institutions, Member
 - Natural Resources and Water, Member
 - Governmental Organization, Member

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- Insurance, Member
- Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, Member

2. Senator Hueso appointed the Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce as a non-profit of the month for December 2020.

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT: *Officer Carlos LaCarra*

1. Abandoned vehicles

- We've been doing quite a bit of enforcement out on Lonestar that it comes around every few months. Unfortunately, people are storing vehicles and items out on the public right away, and it just didn't look good, so we got it cleaned up now.

2. Illegal racing

- We've been getting a lot of complaints regarding the racing that's going on in Otay Mesa. We know about it, & we try to address it as best as we can. Of course, it depends on staffing, and how many officers we have, and the number of priority calls in, but we are trying to address that. We need people business owners to call and let us know where it's going on so dispatch can get officers dispatched to the area.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report was provided.

H. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT: No report was provided.

I. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: No report was provided.

Monthly Report:

A. CPC- *(Mark Freed, Business Representative):*

The December CPC meeting was canceled.

CPC Meeting Agenda:

1. CPC 11/24/20 Meeting Agenda

https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_agenda_201124_final.pdf

CPC 11/24/20 Meeting Minutes – None posted as of this date.

CPC 12/22/20 Meeting – Adjourned

Next CPC Meeting 1/26/21

B. Southwest Village Committee - *(Felipe Nuno, Resident)*

- We are waiting on comments back from the City.

C. Border Transportation – *No report was provided.*

D. La Media Truck Route- *No report was provided.*

E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - *(Tom Ricotta, Metropolitan Airpark)*

- No updates are available at this time. It has been slow.

F. Code Enforcement – *(Rob Hixson, Property Owner & Planning Group Chair)*

We continue to have illegal yards popping up along the 905 freeway. Please continue to forward emails regarding code enforcement and illegal yards to Gerardo Ramirez, Councilmember Moreno's office.

G. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce - *No report was provided.*

H. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – *No report was provided.*

I. La Media West Wetlands - Nothing reported.

J. Informational Items:

General Plan Environmental Justice Element project and survey - Vickie White

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K. Action Items:

A. **Motion:** Parks for All

Presented by: Carolyn Chase, volunteer

The Otay Mesa Planning Group requires more time before a motion and vote can be made.

L. Closing remarks:

Thank you.

M. Old Business:

No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.